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ET Members, Region 10 Supervisors and the RICT,

We have been contacted by HQ, several Regions and FEMA to actively support response efforts associated with several on-going disasters. By this message, I am activating our Regional Incident Coordination Team (RICT). Prior to contacting staff about potential deployment, our standard operating guidance requires contacting management to alert and notify you of the RICT activation and that we will be reaching out to Incident Management Team (IMT) and/or Response Support Corps (RSC) volunteers 'in good standing' once specific information pertaining to the expertise needed and other pertinent details are known.

The details below provide information about the deployments to date. No one from our RSC has been asked to deploy but we anticipate that there may be specific needs/expertise as more information about these disasters is obtained. Our intent once we receive this information will be to enlist RICT member involvement, working with Peter Rubenstein, covering RSC Coordinator duties for Wendy Adams, to tentatively identify individuals that would be available, willing and able to work here in the REOC or in the disaster-impacted areas.

I would encourage message recipients to review the list of "to" and "cc". If anyone is missing, please feel free to forward. Thank you!

R10 Regional Emergency Operations Center (REOC) Activation to Coordinate Ongoing EPA Region 10 ER Operations and Requests for Support to HQ/R6/R8/R9

Due to the various cross Regional incidents that are being actively supported by Region 10, the REOC has been activated (as of 14 August 2015) to begin coordinating all emergency response-related activities on behalf of the Region. These personnel are coordinating deployments on the Region's behalf to ensure the health and safety of the responder; we're accurately financing and tracking travel and PPL+; and, issuing special equipment (if needed).

The REOC key leadership positions that oversee REOC activities are there to provide response support management. Other positions may be added, if needed.

As of 14 August 2015, the following positions have been activated:

Planning Support Section Chief (Josie Clark)
Finance Support Section Chief (Jennifer Johnson)
Resources Support Leader (Matt Magorrian)

As of 16 August 2015, below is a listing of Region 10 staff that have been deployed or are scheduled to support the various disaster responses that we are coordinating out of the REOC:
Colorado Mine Release (Gold King) in support of HQ, R6, R8, or R9:

1. OSC Heister – Operations Section, Farmington, New Mexico (R9)
2. RPM Moreen – Planning Section, Durango, Colorado (HQ)
3. Press Information Officer MacIntyre—Durango, Colorado (HQ)
4. Critical Incident Stress Management-- Wendy Adams, Durango, Colorado (HQ)
5. OSC Weigel--Incident Commander, Durango, CO (R8)

Nonresponsive

At this time, these are the current deployments that are confirmed and approved to support the REOC, HQ, R6, R8, or R9. The REOC is tracking additional requests for support that we are receiving. If Program Offices receive deployment requests, including the use of Response Support Corps members, please immediately contact and coordinate with our RICT and RSC leadership: Ann Williamson (Chair) at 3-2739 or Peter Rubenstein ('acting' Vice-Chair) at 3-1067.

Additional updates will be issued, as needed. If anyone has questions about this activation, please let me know.

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